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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: COSPONSORSHIP FOR CORE GROUP
RESOLUTION

REF: BANGKOK 23371

1. IN MEETING THIS MORNING WITH UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
ANAN PANYARACHUN IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE AMBASSADOR
FOLLOWED UP APPROACH REPORTED REFTEL. ANAN, OBVIOUSLY FULLY
BRIEFED ON THE SUBJECT, EXPLAINED IN GREAT DETAIL HOW THE FIVE
ASEAN CAPITALS WISHED ON THE ONE HAND TO BE HELPFUL TO THEIR
"SOUTH KOREAN FRIENDS" WHILE AT THE SAME TIME AVOIDING THE
APPEARANCE OF BEING PUBLICLY COMMITTED TO THE SOUTHERN KOREAN
POSITION AND THEREBY LIMITING THEIR USEFULNESS IN CORRIDOR
CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER LESS FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS AS THE
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DEBATE ON THE KOREAN ISSUE MIGHT DEVELOP.

2. ANAN SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE A MEETING OF ASEAN IN MANILA AUGUST 30-31 AT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL LEVEL DURING WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS WOULD REVIEW THEIR STRATEGY FOR THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. THOUGH HE IMPLIED THAT THE FINAL DECISION ON STRATEGY AND TACTICS REGARDING THE SOUTH KOREAN QUESTION WOULD ONLY THEN BE AGREED BY ASEAN GOVERNMENTS, IT SEEMED CLEAR FROM WHAT HE HAD TO SAY THAT THAILAND WOULD FAVOR A POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT AGREED TO LAST YEAR AND WOULD SUPPORT BEHIND THE SCENES A SOUTH KOREAN DRAFT AND VOTE FOR IT WHILE ABSTAINING ON THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION. ANAN SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY INFORMED THAILAND'S "SOUTH KOREAN FRIENDS" OF THE RTG POSITION. AS FAR AS THE COORDINATION OF ASEAN ACTIVITY WITH UNGA WAS CONCERNED THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS WOULD PROBABLY COUNT ON THE PHILIPPINES TO TAKE THE LEAD ON THE KOREAN ISSUE.

3. IT WAS CLEAR THAT AS FAR AS THE THAI ARE CONCERNED ASEAN DOES NOT PLAN ON COSPONSORING THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.
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